

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEAUFORT DIVISION**

Be Green Packaging, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Shu Chen,

Defendant,

v.

Be Green Holding Co. and
Jim Brown

Third-Party Defendants.

Case No. 9:19-cv-03273-BHH

Confidentiality Order

Whereas, the parties to this Consent Confidentiality Order (“parties”), have stipulated that certain discovery material is and should be treated as confidential, and have agreed to the terms of this order; accordingly, it is this 13th day of September, 2021, ORDERED:

1. **Scope.** All documents produced in the course of discovery, all responses to discovery requests and all deposition testimony and deposition exhibits and any other materials which may be subject to discovery (hereinafter collectively “documents”) shall be subject to this Order concerning Confidential information and Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only information as set forth below.

2. **Form and Timing of Designation.** Confidential and Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only documents shall be so designated by placing or affixing the word “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” on the document in a manner which will not interfere with the legibility of the document and which will

permit complete removal of the Confidential or Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only designation. Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY prior to, or contemporaneously with, the production or disclosure of the documents. Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents without prior designation as Confidential or Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of the right to designate documents as Confidential or Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only as otherwise allowed by this Order provided, however, that the producing party submits written notice no later than fourteen (14) days to the receiving parties following discovery of the inadvertent or unintentional disclosure.

3. **Documents Which May be Designated Confidential.** Any party may designate documents as confidential but only after review of the documents by an attorney¹ who has, in good faith, determined that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute, sensitive personal information, trade secrets, or confidential research, development, or commercial information. The certification shall be made concurrently with the disclosure of the documents, using the form attached hereto at Attachment A which shall be executed subject to the standards of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents which are available in the public sector may not be designated as confidential.

4. **Documents Which May be Designated Highly Confidential – Attorney’s Eyes Only.** Any party may designate information as “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” but only after review of the documents by an attorney who has, in good faith, determined that the

¹ The attorney who reviews the documents and certifies them to be CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY must be admitted to the Bar of at least one state but need not be admitted to practice in the District of South Carolina and need not apply for *pro hac vice* admission. By signing the certification, counsel submits to the jurisdiction of this court in regard to the certification.

document, information, or thing describes, discloses or comprises trade secrets, information that is not generally known to competitors and derives its value from being confidential, information considered by that party to be highly confidential, and other highly sensitive information that cannot be adequately protected with the “CONFIDENTIAL” designation.

5. **Depositions.** Portions of depositions shall be deemed CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY only if designated as such when the deposition is taken or within seven business days after receipt of the transcript. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be protected.

6. **Protection of Confidential Material.**

a. **General Protections.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or counsel for the parties or any other persons identified below (§ 5.b.) for any purposes whatsoever other than preparing for and conducting the litigation in which the documents were disclosed (including any appeal of that litigation). The parties shall not disclose documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY to putative class members not named as plaintiffs in putative class litigation unless and until one or more classes have been certified.

b. **Limited Third Party Disclosures.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY under the terms of this Order to any other person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(5) below, and then only after the person to whom disclosure is to be made has executed an

acknowledgment (in the form set forth at Attachment B hereto), that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Order and is bound by it. Subject to these requirements, the categories of persons set forth in (1)-(5) below may be allowed to review documents which have been designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order. Counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any information designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” to any third person except as set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (4)-(6).

- (1) Counsel and employees of counsel for the parties who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;
- (2) Parties and employees of a party to this Order but only to the extent counsel shall certify that the specifically named individual party or employee’s assistance is necessary to the conduct of the litigation in which the information is disclosed²;
- (3) Court reporters engaged for depositions and those persons, if any, specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making photocopies of documents;
- (4) Consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as “experts”) employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of the lawsuit; and
- (5) Other persons only upon consent of the producing party or upon order of the court and on such conditions as are agreed to or ordered.

² At or prior to the time such party or employee completes his or her acknowledgment of review of this Order and agreement to be bound by it (Attachment B hereto), counsel shall complete a certification in the form shown at Attachment C hereto. Counsel shall retain the certification together with the form signed by the party or employee.

c. **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY pursuant to the terms of this order. Counsel shall maintain a record of those persons, including employees of counsel, who have reviewed or been given access to the documents along with the originals of the forms signed by those persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order.

d. **Copies.** All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as “copies”), of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY under this Order or any portion of such a document, shall be immediately affixed with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” if the designation does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be afforded the full protection of this Order.

e. **Objections to Expert Designations.** Following disclosure of any consultant, investigator, or expert under Paragraph 5.b.4 (by providing a current CV for such expert, consultant, or expert consulting firm), any party may object in writing to such consultant, investigator, or expert within ten (10) days of such disclosure. If the objection is not resolved within fourteen (14) days of transmission of the objection, the party objecting to the consultant, investigator, or expert may move the Court for an order prohibiting disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY information to such person. No CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY information may be shared with any consultant, investigator, or expert for ten (10) days following disclosure of such

consultant, investigator, or expert to all parties to this litigation, and during the pendency of objections and motions concerning disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY information to such consultant, investigator, or expert.

7. Filing of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY Materials. In the event a party seeks to file any material that is subject to protection under this Order with the court, that party shall take appropriate action to ensure that the documents receive proper protection from public disclosure including: (1) filing a redacted document with the consent of the party who designated the document as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY; (2) where appropriate (*e.g.* in relation to discovery and evidentiary motions), submitting the documents solely for *in camera* review; or (3) where the preceding measures are not adequate, seeking permission to file the document under seal pursuant to the procedural steps set forth in Local Civil Rule 5.03, DSC, or such other rule or procedure as may apply in the relevant jurisdiction. Absent extraordinary circumstances making prior consultation impractical or inappropriate, the party seeking to submit the document to the court shall first consult with counsel for the party who designated the document as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY to determine if some measure less restrictive than filing the document under seal may serve to provide adequate protection. This duty exists irrespective of the duty to consult on the underlying motion. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a prior directive to the Clerk of Court to allow any document be filed under seal. The parties understand that documents may be filed under seal only with the permission of the court after proper motion pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5.03.

8. Disclosure in Public Proceeding. Any party that reasonably believes it will disclose information from a CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY document in any public proceeding before the Court shall so inform the producing party at least ten (10) days in advance of actual disclosure, so that the producing party may have the opportunity to move the Court for additional protection not otherwise provided for in this Order.

9. Greater Protection of Specific Documents. No party may withhold information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by this Order unless the party moves for an Order providing such special protection.

10. Challenges to Designation as Confidential. Any CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY designation is subject to challenge. The following procedures shall apply to any such challenge.

a. The burden of proving the necessity of a CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY designation remains with the party asserting confidentiality.

b. A party who contends that documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY are not entitled to confidential treatment shall give written notice to the party who affixed the designation of the specific basis for the challenge. The party who so designated the documents shall have fifteen (15) days from service of the written notice to determine if the dispute can be resolved without judicial intervention and, if not, to move for an Order confirming the CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY designation.

c. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of documents, all material previously designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY shall continue to be treated as subject to the full protections of this Order until one of the following occurs:

(1) the party who claims that the documents are CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY withdraws such designation in writing;

(2) the party who claims that the documents are CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY fails to move timely for an Order designating the documents as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY as set forth in paragraph 9.b. above; or

(3) the court rules that the documents should no longer be designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY information.

d. Challenges to the confidentiality of documents may be made at any time and are not waived by the failure to raise the challenge at the time of initial disclosure or designation.

11. **Privilege Clawback.** Regardless of whether a produced document is designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY, if a producing party produces any document, material, or other information in this litigation that the producing party has a good faith basis to believe is privileged under the attorney-client or other privilege, or protected from discovery as work product (the “Privileged Material”), The

producing party may, upon discovery of the inadvertent production, request the return of the privileged material that was inadvertently disclosed. Upon receipt of such a request, the receiving party (a) shall promptly return or destroy the original and all copies of the Privileged Material, (b) destroy all summaries, notes, memoranda or other documents (or portions thereof) referring to or reflecting the contents of such Privileged Material, and (c) not use such documents containing Privileged Material for any purpose absent further order of the Court, provided, however, that the receiving party may use the Privileged Material or portions thereof (and may retain one copy of the Privileged Material) for the limited purpose of moving to compel production of the Privileged Material. In the event the receiving party objects to the return of the Privileged Material, the receiving party may move the Court, within ten (10) days of receiving the notice from the producing party, for an order compelling production of the Privileged Material. All materials related to the inadvertently produced Privileged Material and any related motion to compel, shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY pursuant to this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Whether or not the receiving party disputes the Privileged Material’s protected status, if the receiving party disclosed the Privileged Material prior to a demand for its return, it shall promptly notify any persons with whom the Privileged Material was shared and use its best efforts to collect and return all copies to the producing party and/or destroy all such copies, and certify in writing that it has exhausted its best efforts to collect and return all copies. Any request for the return of Privileged Material shall be made no later than fourteen (14) days following discovery of such disclosure by the producing party, or the right to clawback that Privileged Material will be waived.

12. Treatment on Conclusion of Litigation.

a. **Order Remains in Effect.** All provisions of this Order restricting the use of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of the litigation unless otherwise agreed or ordered.

b. **Return of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY Documents.** Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the litigation, including conclusion of any appeal, all documents treated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY under this Order, including copies as defined above (§5.d.) shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been entered as evidence or filed (unless introduced or filed under seal); (2) the parties stipulate to destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as to documents containing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects destruction. Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may retain attorney work product including an index which refers or relates to information designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim substantial portions of the text of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY documents. This work product continues to be confidential under the terms of this Order. An attorney may use his or her work product in a subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose the CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY documents.

13. **Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification on motion of any party or any other person who may show an adequate interest in the matter to intervene for purposes of addressing the scope and terms of this Order. The Order shall not, however, be modified until the parties shall have been given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modification.

14. **No Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any specific document or item of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY by counsel is subject to protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as a document-specific ruling shall have been made.

15. **Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon: (1) counsel who signed below and their respective law firms; and (2) their respective clients.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Bruce Howe Hendricks

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

September 13, 2021
Charleston, South Carolina

**ATTACHMENT A
CERTIFICATION BY COUNSEL OF DESIGNATION
OF INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL**

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Certification by Counsel of Designation of
Information as CONFIDENTIAL or
HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –
ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY

Documents produced herewith **whose bates numbers are listed below (or) which are listed on the attached index** have been marked as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY subject to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action which Order is dated **[confidentiality order date]**.

By signing below, I am certifying that I have personally reviewed the marked documents and believe, based on that review, that they are properly subject to protection under the terms of Paragraph 3 of the Confidentiality Order.

Check and complete one of the two options below.

- ☐ I am a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. My District Court Bar number is _____.
- ☐ I am not a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina but am admitted to the bar of one or more states. The state in which I conduct the majority of my practice is _____ where my Bar number is _____. I understand that by completing this

certification I am submitting to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina as to any matter relating to this certification.

Date: _____

Signature of Counsel

Printed Name of Counsel

ATTACHMENT B

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
AND
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

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Acknowledgement Of Understanding and
Agreement To Be Bound

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has read the Confidentiality Order dated **[confidentiality order date]**, in the above captioned action, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by such terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in matters relating to the Confidentiality Order and understands that the terms of said Order obligate him/her to use discovery materials designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY information to any other person, firm or concern.

The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Stipulated Confidentiality Order may result in penalties for contempt of court.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature

ATTACHMENT C

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL OF NEED
FOR ASSISTANCE OF PARTY/EMPLOYEE**

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Certification of Counsel of Need for
Assistance of Party/Employee

Pursuant to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action, most particularly the provisions of Paragraph 5.b.2., I certify that the assistance of _____ is reasonably necessary to the conduct of this litigation and that this assistance requires the disclosure to this individual of information which has been designated as CONFIDENTIAL.

I have explained the terms of the Confidentiality Order to the individual named above and will obtain his or her signature on an “Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to be Bound” prior to releasing any confidential documents to the named individual and I will release only such confidential documents as are reasonably necessary to the conduct of the litigation.

The individual named above is:

- ☐ A named party;
- ☐ An employee of named party _____. This employee’s job title is _____ and work address is _____.

Date: _____

Signature